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The Secretary

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

January 26, 1957

THROUGH: S/S

FROM : NEA - William M. Rountree

SUBJECT: Briefings in Preparation for Visit of King Saud

Discussion:

Arrangements have been made for you to brief the President at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 29 for one hour. You may want to be briefed prior to that time.

In briefing the President for his talks with Prime Minister Nehru, we sent him in advance a paper outlining the background of the visit, summarizing the subjects which probably would come up for discussion, and recommending what our positions should be. Mr. Hoover then used a copy of this paper during his briefing of the President. In addition the Secretariat put into General Goodpaster's hands the more detailed briefing materials developed for the visit. We propose, if you agree, to follow the same procedure this time.

As I indicated to you the other day, King Saud desires to see the President alone. You agreed this would be a good thing. I have alluded to this matter in the attached memorandum to the President, which also deals with the matters of attendance of other persons at the President's talks with Saud and Saud's desire for a private meeting with the President, and encloses a copy of a briefing paper for the President (Tab A).

I also have made certain suggestions about the attendance at your talk with Saud on January 31 (Tab B).

Recommendation:

1. That you sign the attached memorandum to the President (Tab A).
2. That you allow me time to brief you in advance of your briefing of the President.
3. That you approve attendance of additional people at your meeting with Saud (Tab B).

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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Attachments:

1. (Tab A) - Briefing paper for the President
2. (Tab B) - Suggestions on attendance of talk with King Saud

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